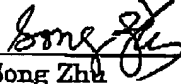


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In response to the Office action of August 15, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

a Petition for an Extension of Time begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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